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To the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities.

Nokia welcomes the Government's focus on cities as a critical component of our emerging national economy, including recognition through the Smart Cities Agenda of the role of digital technology as a disruptor posing new policy and growth opportunities and challenges.

As a global technology leader, Nokia takes a strong interest in how society can be better served by emerging capabilities, including networks, powerful analytics tools and IoT systems. We have conducted substantial work to examine these capabilities in an Australian context and are working with organisations across the market on how best to maximise our national potential.

We are entering a new era of hyper-connectedness and it is clear that leadership and action is required to ensure certain infrastructure and operations capabilities are in place to enable Australian cities and communities to succeed.

To this end, it is timely that the Committee examine the topics raised by this inquiry.

By way of input, we would like to submit a recently published Nokia white paper, Securing Australia's competitive advantage in the hyper-connected world, which covers many of the relevant topics and offers a number of recommendations. This paper was written specifically for the Australian context by our Oceania CTO, Warren Lemmens. Warren is available by appointment for further discussion on the topic.

Our paper is attached with this letter of submission and available for download: <https://resources.nokia.com/asset/201341>

Yours sincerely,

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